

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

TATYANA LYSYY, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST  
COMPANY, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. C24-62-JLR

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiffs’ amended request for pro bono counsel to represent them in a civil contempt hearing related to their failure to appear as ordered at a settlement conference before the undersigned. (Dkt. # 114.) As noted in the Order setting the contempt hearing (dkt. # 112), because civil contempt can result in imprisonment, this Court determined that counsel should be appointed if Plaintiffs so desire and cannot afford counsel. *See In re Grand Jury Proc.*, 468 F.2d 1368, 1369 (9th Cir. 1972) (indigent person is entitled to appointed counsel in a civil contempt proceeding that involves the threat of imprisonment); *but see Turner v. Rogers*, 564 U.S. 431 (2011) (due process does not *automatically* require appointment of counsel in civil contempt proceeding if other safeguards—notice of critical issue,

1 eliciting of information on critical issue, opportunity to address critical issue at the hearing, and  
2 an express finding by the court on the critical issue—are in place).

3 Plaintiffs previously submitted an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this action  
4 in relation to a request to be relieved of sanctions imposed as a consequence of their failure to  
5 appear for a scheduled deposition. (*See* dkt. ## 84, 87, 91.) Based on information provided in the  
6 application, the Honorable James L. Robart granted Plaintiffs partial relief from those sanctions.  
7 (*See* dkt. # 92.) Accordingly, this Court, consistent with Judge Robart’s earlier ruling, concludes  
8 that Plaintiffs have sufficiently shown an inability to afford counsel to represent them in the  
9 contempt proceeding.

10 For the foregoing reasons, the Court hereby ORDERS as follows:

11 (1) Plaintiffs’ amended request for pro bono counsel (dkt. # 114) is GRANTED,  
12 contingent on identification of counsel willing to represent Plaintiffs in this matter.  
13 Representation will be limited solely to the contempt proceeding. The Western District of  
14 Washington’s Pro Bono Coordinator is directed to identify counsel to represent Plaintiffs, in  
15 accordance with the Court’s General Order 07-23 (“In re: Amended Plan for the Representation  
16 of Pro Se Litigants in Civil Rights Actions”), section 3. Once it has been determined whether the  
17 Court will be able to appoint an attorney to represent Plaintiffs, the Court will issue appropriate  
18 orders.

19 (2) The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to the parties, to the Pro Bono  
20 Coordinator, and to the Honorable James L. Robart.

21 Dated this 15th day of May, 2025.

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23 MICHELLE L. PETERSON  
United States Magistrate Judge